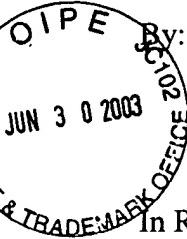


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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is in response to the the Office Action dated January 17, 2003 (Paper No. 18) in the above-identified patent application, and is responsive to the issues raised in the Final Rejection dated January 17, 2003. This RCE and Amendment are timely filed in view of the filing of the accompanying Petition for a three-month extension of time to and including July 17, 2003, and payment of the extension fee.

Please amend the application as follows: